



Williamstown North Primary School Newsletter

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2020 Term Date

Term 1—29th Jan to 27th Mar

Term 2—14th Apr to 26th Jun

Term 3—13th Jul to 18th Sept

Term 4—5th Oct to 18th Dec

Respect — Resilience — Responsibility — Doing Your Best



Principal's Report

Parent Information Sessions

Next week we look forward to hosting many parents for our Information Sessions which will be held for each Year Level. These sessions will aim to provide an overview of this year's learning programs as well as many of the major activities that have been planned for students.

We are very lucky to once again have Tamy Stubley (Campus Principal of Williamstown High School) joining the Year 6 Information session to briefly discuss some upcoming transition processes. Year 3 teachers will spend some time outlining the NAPLAN testing that Year 3 students will sit for the first time in term 2, whilst the Information sessions for Years 3 – 6 will touch on the camping programs for 2020. There will be important information shared at each session, as well as a chance to meet the teachers across each level, so we hope you may be able to spare 30 minutes next week to come along to our Information Sessions.

Foundation – 4:30pm Wednesday 26th February – Junior Learning Centre

Year One – 4:30pm Tuesday 25th February – Room 5

Year Two - 4:30pm Monday 24th February – Rooms 19 & 20

Year Three – 4:30pm Monday 24th February – Room 9

Year Four - 4:30pm Wednesday 26th February – Room 9

Year Five – 4:30pm Tuesday 25th February – Rooms 28 & 29

Year Six - 4:30pm Monday 24th February – Rooms 1 & 2

For any parents who may need support with child minding in order to attend one of these Information sessions, we will have several staff in the Butterfly Room between 4:30pm and 5:00pm on each of these nights. We request that parents sign their child/ren in at the Butterfly Room upon arrival, then sign them out when being picked up.

Class Reps for 2020 – HELP!

A big thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to be a class rep for their child's class this year. We currently have reps allocated to 25 of our 33 classes.

New items added to the Calendar

School Assembly

Monday 24th February

Foundation to Yr 2 Assembly

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Calendar of Events

Term 1

February

Parent Information Sessions

4.30pm to 5.00pm

Monday 24th February

Years 2, 3 & 6

Tuesday 25th February
Years 1 & 5

Wednesday 26th February
Foundation & Year 4

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Thursday 27th February
Foundation Photos

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Friday 28th February
Staff Training Day
NO Students At School

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March

Monday 2nd to
Friday 13th March
Year 3-4 Swimming

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Monday 9th March
Public Holiday

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Monday 23rd March
Athletics Sport Years 3&4

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Wednesday 25th March
Athletics Sport Year 5&6

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Friday 27th March
End of Term

Swap Shop Dates

16th March

11th May

22nd June

10th August

14th September

9th November



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Sadly however, we currently have eight classes with no reps. If we are unable to secure reps for these classes, this important communication platform will be lost for students, parents and teachers in these classes.

1PM 2DV 2PE 3DR 3D 3Mc 4G 5C

If your child is in one of these classes and you would be able to spare some time each fortnight to liaise with your child's teacher to distribute the eNews, please contact Georgie Evanson or Nicole Harvey at [wnpsclassreps@gmail.com](mailto:wnpclassreps@gmail.com) ASAP, as we will be conducting our briefing session for all new parent reps next Thursday 27th February at 5:30pm in Room 9.

School Council Membership

I am delighted to report that our School Council membership for 2020 has now been confirmed. Sincere thanks to the many parents that I have chatted to over the last fortnight about this important role. As well as confirming the council membership, we have also been able to confirm several new members for our council subcommittees. We really do value the input from our parent community as we frame up the key directions and policies for our wonderful school through School Council's governance.

Please feel welcome to liaise with any of the following councillors who are your representatives on the Williamstown North School Council:

Parent Councillors: *Julia Kaye, Martin Gill, Nadia Kettle, Natalie Hammond, Simon Middleton, Heath Venn, Aaron Hunt, Matthew Round and Andrea Lott.*

Teacher Councillors: *Jim Cahill, Wendy Emin, Tom Drummond & Robyn Law*

Staff Training Days

Every year, Victorian Government schools are permitted to designate four pupil free days in order to undertake professional learning for teachers. As students are not to attend school on these days, we aim to provide families with plenty of advance notice so that alternative care arrangements can be made on these days.

Our second staff training day for 2020 will be held next week on **Friday 28th February**. All teachers will be participating in a professional learning program on the topic of Respectful Relationships, which aims to further support our existing wellbeing platform for our students. The remainder of the day will provide the first opportunity for teachers to begin reflecting on the school's practices as part of upcoming School Review later in the year.

The remaining two staff training days for this year will be held on;

Friday 22nd May and Monday 2nd November.

Welcome BBQ/Picnic

We had a terrific turn out on Monday night for our Welcome to Willy North BBQ/Picnic. Perfect weather conditions certainly made for a very pleasant evening! Dave Treeby (parent) and Wendy Emin (Assistant Principal) did a fabulous job on the BBQ with over 250 sausages enjoyed by students and parents. Thank you Kylie White (parent) for providing such yummy sausages!

Local dance group MDX provided some great entertainment at the event (big thank you to Bec), whilst Mick Russell and Cam Smith (parents) did a terrific job of getting children and parents involved in some football and cricket games on the soccer field.

All in all it was a very successful evening. A huge thank you also to Ally Maher (parent) for all of the organisation behind the scenes and for her ongoing efforts across many platforms to heighten parent engagement at our wonderful school.

Enjoy the rest of your week

Jim Cahill—Principal



Classroom Tables

Free to good home—if you would like a classroom table for home etc, please come past the office and let the office staff know.



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. The annual CSEF amount for a primary school student is \$125.

HOW TO APPLY (by 20/06/2020)

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you received CSEF from this school in 2019 you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your families circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- * **New student enrolments** – if your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- * **Changed family circumstances** – such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Mobil Altona Refinery Open Day - Ticket Offer - Collaborative Partners

As a part of our 70th Anniversary Celebrations the Mobil Altona Refinery would like to offer you a unique opportunity to come and see what goes on behind the gates of the refinery.

Sunday 23rd February 2020—10:00am – 3:00pm—Cnr Kororoit Creek Road & Millers Road, Altona

This is a family event with the STEM Squad bringing their toys for you to try, interactive technical and community displays, as well as food stalls, a jumping castle, dunk tank and video games to play on the big screen. Some of the recipients of the Bright Futures grants will also be there showing how they've used their money to enhance their pupils engagement with STEM.

We are offering General Admission tickets, and limited Bus Tours that actually go into the refinery.

If you would like to attend this free event please book ASAP. Tickets are expected to sell out, and have not yet been released to the general public.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BHNAI>

Thank you.

Regards, Nikki Calcraft, Community Relations Adviser

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY – Reply Slip

A big thank you to everyone who have previously volunteered to be part of Fresh Fruit Friday. Without your assistance this program could not happen.

We again need volunteers to assist in 2020. Please complete the 'Reply Slip' and return it to the General Office. This is your opportunity to be part of a team that has lots of fun, while preparing fresh fruit for each class each Friday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am.

I can assist o Weekly o Fortnightly o Monthly

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Numbers: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

OUR CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!

How would you like to make a difference?

Do you want to have fun, meet other parents and look cool in front of your kid(s) and their friends?

Then sign up to be one of our AWESOME canteen volunteers.

The school canteen relies heavily on parent volunteers to help things run smoothly. We know how precious your time is, so any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Most of our volunteers help out either once a month, or once a term. Some have so much fun; we see them weekly. Either volunteering or, they pop in to say hi.

Here's the nitty-gritty:

We need help on Wednesdays (Hot dog day), Thursdays (Sushi day), and Fridays (Baked potato day, and by far our busiest day). Our preferred times where help is needed:

- **9.30am-11.30am**. You've got time to drop your child at school and grab a coffee before the canteen fun starts. During this time, we sort/check orders by sticking labels on lunch bags, writing drink labels and adding snacks to lunch bags. Then at 11.00am, and here is where it gets even more fun, you get to serve the kids with counter sales during recess.
- **12.30pm-2.00pm** During this time we pack all lunch baskets, finalise the hot food, add to the lunch bags, and pack the lunch baskets. You get to hand out the canteen baskets to the kids and assist with counter sales at lunchtime (of course we let you serve your own child's class—that's the best bit).
- **Or stay for the day** and get to know us. Find out what songs Julieanne, the Canteen Manager, doesn't know the names of and find out why Kaylynn, (Julieanne's cheeky assistant) colour coordinates her book shelves.

The tasks are quite easy, and there is always someone there to guide and support you and have a laugh with—you'll never be asked or expected to work in isolation.

Please note: All canteen volunteers (and any volunteering in the classrooms, excursions etc.), are required to have a Working With Children Card (WWCC).

If this sounds like fun and something you would be interested in doing, stop by the canteen and say hello or fill out the Reply Slip below and drop off to the office or email to gill.belinda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you have any questions and would like more information, please, come in and have a chat with us, it's always lovely to meet the parents/grandparents/guardians of the smiling kids we sell icy-poles and jelly sticks to.

YES, I WOULD LOVE TO HELP IN THE CANTEEN

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

Phone No: _____

Volunteers are only needed on (Please ✓)

Wednesdays: ☐ Thursdays: ☐ Fridays: ☐ Any day: ☐

Frequency (Please ✓)

☐ WEEKLY ☐ MONTHLY ☐ TERMLY

OCCASIONALLY (Provide Details) _____

Preferred Time: ☐ Working with Children Card

☐ 9.30am - 11.30am

☐ 12:30pm - 2.00pm

☐ 9.30am – 2.30pm



First Aid in School Program

St Johns presenters are experienced at delivering fun interactive hands on and practical learning sessions.

Sessions will take place on Wednesday 19th February for Years 1 to Years 6.

The knowledge and skills gained in the First Aid in Schools Program will develop emergency awareness and contribute to building a more resilient community.

The learning integrates with the Victorian Curriculum.

YEAR 1 & 2

STANDARD MODULE 1 (DRS OF THE DRSABCD)

Students learn how to spot DANGER in an emergency, RESPOND accordingly and SEND for help. They will be guided on what number to call and act out a scenario to get them comfortable calling 000 in real life. By the end of the program, students will leave with essential skills and knowledge which they can call upon in an emergency situation.

CUTS AND GRAZES MODULE

Explores a range of first aid scenarios familiar to children and provides them with a hands-on, practical solution which they can apply in real life. They will learn whether getting a cut or graze is an emergency and if it isn't, what to do. An interactive session with hands on training in how to properly clean and dress a cut or graze, identify infection in wounds and how to apply pressure to a wound bleeding uncontrollably.

YEAR 3 & 4

STANDARD MODULE 2 (DRSAB OF THE DRSABCD)

Following on from the Year 1 – Year 2 modules, students will revise 'DRS' which involves assessing for dangers, obtaining a response and calling Triple Zero. The main focus of this module will be demonstrating how to check airway and breathing and how to place a patient into the recovery position. Students will practice placing another person into the recovery position.

BITES & STINGS MODULE

This module will explore how to safely respond to minor bites/stings using a cold pack or life-threatening bites/stings using pressure immobilisation. The main focus of this module will allow students to demonstrate how to apply a pressure bandage and immobilisation techniques for life threatening bites/stings (e.g. snake bites, funnel web).

ASTHMA MODULE

This module will explore what asthma is and how it can be triggered. Students will then learn how to recognise the severity of an asthma attack and how to respond using a spacer and reliever. Students will learn to demonstrate how to use a spacer and reliever using the 4x4x4 method.

YEAR 5 & 6

STANDARD MODULE 3 (DRSABC OF THE DRSABCD)

Reiterates the learning of standard modules 1 & 2, however incorporates a practical CPR component on a manikin. Students will be ready to save lives once they've completed this module, as they will know the entire process of how to treat an unconscious patient.

ANAPHYLAXIS MODULE

Teaching them the difference between an allergic reaction and anaphylaxis, this module raises awareness regarding common triggers for potentially life-threatening reactions, as well as the signs and symptoms to look out for. Students receive EpiPen training and in a mock scenario practice injecting their classmates with an EpiPen.

BURNS MODULE

Students learn how to correctly treat and care for different types of burn injuries. They will learn about the skin and its function and how burns affect the skin and other body tissues. Burn remedies to avoid is covered as well as correct treatment methods to reduce pain, minimise permanent damage and scarring.

Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)

Fresh Fruit Friday needs parent volunteers. Please email Linda Taylor directly, so she can add you to the roster—

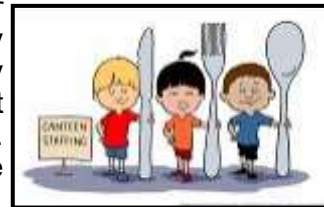


taylor.linda.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Parents on the roster for Friday 21st February are: Kim Pannone, Rachel Burgess, Ray Price, Narelle Rabbidge, Bindi Wood, Sheena Hickman and Keryn Van Shaik.

Canteen

Julianne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of time parents or family members can volunteer. Contact Julianne via the General Office. New parents or family members are most welcome.



Thursday 20th February—Georgianna Horsfall

Friday 21st February 2020—Angie North

Wednesday 26th February 2020—Rachelle Burbridge

Thursday 27th February 2020—Georgianna

Friday 28th February 2020—Staff Training Day

Uniform Shop News

Primary School Wear (PSW) is our Uniform supplier. Uniforms can be purchased at their outlet located at Unit 1, 128 Bertie Street Port Melbourne, or online.

Email—portmelbourne@psw.com.au.

Trading hours are

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm,
Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm.



Early Release

All children collected from school before 3.30pm must be signed out at the Office with an 'Early Release Pass' to hand to the supervising teacher. If a child is signed out at Recess or Lunch time, your child will be called to the Office and the Early Release Pass will be given to the supervising teacher.

School Banking

School banking day is Wednesday.

Don't forget to send in your child's bank book.



Student Safety

Please take the time to regularly remind your child/ren about safety, especially when going to and from school.

- Do not talk to strangers and never accept a ride, lollies or gifts from a stranger.
- Immediately report any issue or problem you may have when going to or from school, to your mum and dad, or your teacher, the Principal, Assistant Principal or office staff.
- Always get permission from mum or dad before going to play with a friend after school and always let mum and dad know where you will be and what time you will be home.

We advise that wherever possible, children should travel to or from school with an adult or friends, rather than travel alone.

Working With Children Cards

Cardholders who are required to renew their WWCC will no longer need to go to Australia Post to lodge a paper form and present their current card. Cardholders will go to the WWCC website to complete their renewal application online and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the fee using a credit card when using the **online renewal process**. Cardholders will be notified by SMS, letter or email 28 days before their WWCC is due to expire. It is important for cardholders to keep their contact details up to date so that they receive this important reminder.

After receiving a notification, individuals continuing to do child-related work should go to MyCheck on the WWCC website and apply to renew their check. Cardholders will be asked to register with MyCheck if they have not already done so. Once logged in to MyCheck, cardholders will be prompted to confirm or update their personal contact and work details, complete the online form and, if applying for an Employee Check, pay the non-refundable fee.

More information: an FAQ guide to online renewals will be available in 'Publications' under 'Resources' on the WWC website, or contact the Customer Support Line on 1300 652 879 8.30am – 5.00pm weekdays except public holidays.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Bikes & Scooters

Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock.

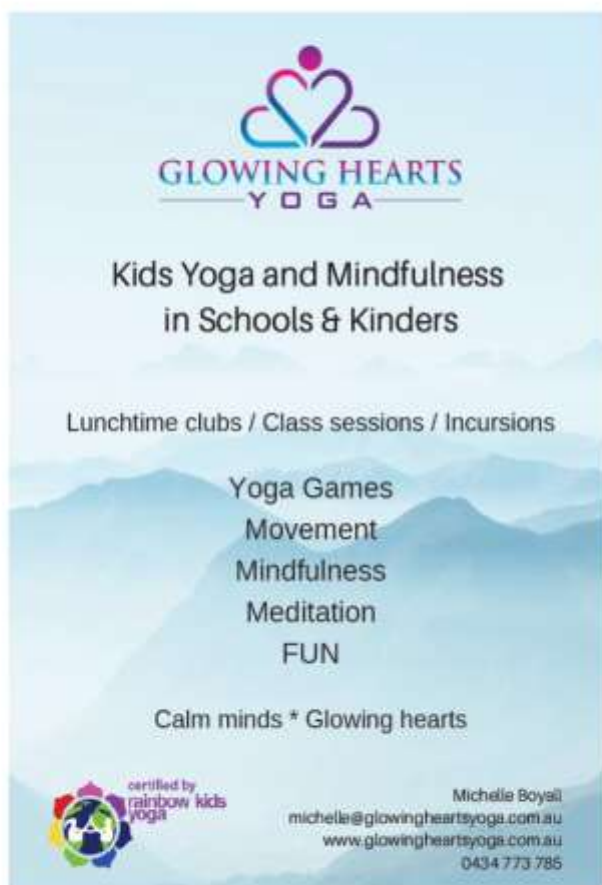
All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety.

All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribstic and helmets must be labelled, with your child's name and class. **Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribstic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that scooters are also not walked through the building.**





Term 1 Lunchtime Yoga and Mindfulness at WNPS



Benefits of Kids Yoga & Mindfulness

- Improves focus and concentration
- Increases the ability to self-regulate
- Improves strength, flexibility and balance
- Decreases negative behaviours
- Teaches kids how to manage their own stress & anxiety
- Increases cognition
- Nourishes creativity
- Builds coordination
- Improves fine & gross motor skills
- Develops self-discipline & self-control
- Expands self-awareness

Creates a calmer, happier, more cooperative classroom!

Classes will run at lunchtimes during Term 1 in Room 17 (upstairs in the main building)

F - Year 2: Monday lunchtime
\$70 per term (7 sessions)
Commences 10th Feb 2020

Years 3-6: Wednesday lunchtime
\$80 per term (8 sessions)/\$70 per term
(7 sessions for Yr 5/6 students – athletics day)
Commences 5th Feb 2020

Yoga mats provided

To enrol your child, please email michelle@glowingheartsyoga.com.au and make payment to:

Glowing Hearts Yoga

BSB: 063-179

Acc: 1059-6902

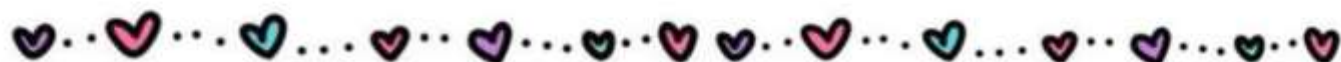
Ref: WNPS, Child's name, Grade



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Glowing Hearts Yoga or call Michelle on 0434 773 785



Community & School Engagement Activity Calendar

	Year 2020
Term One 29th Jan to 27th March STD – Tuesday 28th January * 28/01/2020 Teachers Resume * 29/01/2020 Students Commence STD – Friday 28th February	New Families Morning Tea (1 st Day) Foundation/New Families BBQ/Picnic (Monday 17 th February) Foundation Photo Day (Thursday 27 th February) PLT Information Sessions Year 3 Intensive Swimming Program (Monday 2 nd to 13 th March) Year 4 Intensive Swimming Program (Monday 2 nd to 13 th March) Year 3 & 4 Athletics (Monday 23 rd March) Year 5 & 6 Athletics (Wednesday 25 th March)
Term Two 14th April to 26th June STD – Friday 22nd May	Japanese Day Years 1 Intensive Swimming Program (Tue 15 th to Fri 24 th April) Years 2 Intensive Swimming Program (Tue 15 th to Fri 24 th April) Year 6 Canberra Camp (Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th April) Foundation 2021 Parent Information Night (Monday 4 th May) Education Week (May) Mother's Day Stall (Thursday 7 th May) Foundation to Year 2 Showcase, Group 1 Parent Social Night (Saturday 13 th June)
Term Three 13th July to 18th September Olympic Games Friday 24th July to Sunday 9th August	Foundation to Year 2 Tabloid Sports (TBA) Book Fair (26 th & 27 th August) Reading & Writing Together is Magic (Wednesday 26 th August) Year 3 Phillip Island 3 Day Camp (Mon 31 st Aug to Wed 2 nd Sept) Year 4 Phillip Island 3 Day Camp (2 nd to 4 th September) Father's Day Stall (Thursday 3 rd September) STEAM Expo Footy Week (September)
Term Four 5th October to 18th December STD – Monday 2nd November	Year 5 Howqua Camp (Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th October) Year 2 'Camp In' (Thursday 15 th October) Year 1 Big Night In (Friday 23 rd October) Foundation Spooky Pizza Party (Thursday 29 th October) Foundation to Year 2 Showcase, Group 2 Years 3 - 6 School Musical Foundation Intensive Swimming Program (16 th to 27 th November) Year 5 Beach Program (Week 9 – 30 th November) 'Community Helpers Thank You' by the School (Wed 2 nd Dec) 'Teachers Thank You Lunch' by the Parents (Friday 4 th December) Year 6 Beach Program (Week 10 – 7 th December) Year 6 Graduation (Monday 14 th December)

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Term Two 19th April to 25th June	Education Week (May) Foundation 2022 Parent Info Evening (Monday 3 rd May) Mother's Day Stall (Thursday 6 th May) Japanese Day Years 1 Intensive Swimming Program Years 2 Intensive Swimming Program Parent Social Night Year 6 Canberra Camp (3 rd to 7 th May)
Term Three 12th July to 17th September	Reading & Writing Together is Magic Book Fair (August) Book Week (22 nd to 28 th August) Father's Day Stall (Thursday 2 nd September) Year 3 Anglesea 3 Day Camp (16 th to 18 th August) Year 4 Anglesea 3 Day Camp (18 th to 20 th August) STEAM Expo Footy Week (September)
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